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SUBJECT: CPI RISES 0.9 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY

REF: OTTAWA 1214

1. STATISTICS CANADA RELEASED ON MARCH 11 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY SHOWING INCREASE OF 0.9 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS MONTH (FROM 154.0 TO 155.4). FOOD INDEX JUMPED 2.0 PERCENT (FROM 168.0 TO 171.4), AND ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD INDEX ROSE 0.5 PERCENT (FROM 149.0 TO 149.7).

2. INCREASE IN FOOD INDEX WAS LARGEST SINCE JULY 1975 AND WAS ATTRIBUTED TO HIGHER PRICES FOR FRESH PRODUCE, COFFEE, PORK, BREAD AND RESTAURANT MEALS. INCREASE IN FOOD INDEX ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT THREE-FIFTHS OF RISE IN CPI.

3. OTHER COMPONENT INDICES SHOWING INCREASES WERE: HOUSING, UP 0.6 PERCENT (FROM 155.9 TO 156.9); CLOTHING, UP 0.7 PERCENT (FROM 135.4 TO 136.4); TRANSPORTATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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UP 0.2 PERCENT (FROM 150.1 TO 150.4); HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE, UP 1.3 PERCENT (FROM 148.8 TO 150.7); RECREATION, UP 0.1 PERCENT (FROM 139.5 TO 139.7); AND TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL, UP 0.6 PERCENT (FROM 138.3 TO 139.2).

4. ON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED BASIS, CPI GAINED 0.8 PERCENT BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, WITH 1.7 PERCENT RISE IN

FOOD INDEX AND 0.6 PERCENT INCREASE IN ALL-ITEMS  
EXCLUDING FOOD INDEX.

5. IN FEBRUARY, CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE IN CPI,  
BASED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MOVEMENT IN LATEST THREE-  
MONTH PERIOD WAS 9.2 PERCENT. PURCHASING POWER OF  
1971 CONSUMER CANADIAN DOLLAR IN FEBRUARY WAS C\$0.64.

6. COMMENT: FEBRUARY CPI DOES NOT REFLECT NUMBER OF  
NEW PRICE INCREASES WHICH TOOK EFFECT MARCH 1 (SEE  
REFTEL). THUS, FIRST QUARTER JUMP IN CPI WILL BE WELL  
ABOVE GOC TARGET OF 6.0 PERCENT INCREASE IN CPI FOR  
1977 AND WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR GOC TO REMOVE  
CONTROLS PROGRAM. ENDERS

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